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1. DRAWING ON PARAS 3-5 OF REFTEL, EMBOFF DISCUSSED TODAY (MAY 8) WITH FRANZ WEIDINGER, MFA CHIEF OF INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS DIVISION, US VIEWS ON UNFICYP REDUCTIONS.

2. INITIAL REACTION OF WEIDINGER, WHOSE DIVISION HAS RESPONSIBILITY FOR POLITICAL BACKSTOPPING OF AUSTRIAN UN PEACEKEEPING CONTINGENTS, WAS THAT
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GOA WOULD BE AGREEABLE IN PRINCIPLE TO FURTHER

REDUCTIONS IN UNFICYP FORCES, PROVIDED TURKEY, SECURITY COUNCIL AND SYG ARE IN ACCORD WITH SUCH MOVE. AUSTRIANS SHARE USG CONCERN ABOUT PUTTING FINANCING OF UNFICYP ON SOUNDER BASIS SINCE MAINTENANCE OF AUSTRIAN CONTINGENT ON CYPRUS NOT AN INEXPENSIVE OPERATION FOR GOA.

3. AFTER REVIEWING MOST RECENT HANDLING OF UNFICYP MANDATE RENEWAL ISSUE IN UN, WEIDINGER STRESSED NEED TO GENERATE SOLID CONSENSUS AMONG MAJOR INTERESTED PARTIES BEFORE PUTTING ISSUE FORMALLY BEFORE SECURITY COUNCIL FOR ITS CONSIDERATION. HE NOTED THAT ON BASIS OF TODAY'S DISCUSSION WITH EMBOFF, HE WOULD BE CONSULTING IN NEXT FEW DAYS WITH AUSTRIAN UN PERMREP JANKOWITSCH AND AUSTRIAN AMBASSADOR ON CYPRUS AND PROMISED TO CONTACT EMBASSY LATER, SHOULD ANYTHING OF SIGNIFICANCE DEVELOP FROM THESE DISCUSSIONS.HUMES

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